

PROJECT MKULTRA, THE CIA'S PROGRAM OF  
RESEARCH IN BEHAVIORAL MODIFICATION

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DATE	1977

# **MKULTRA**

**and**

# **LSD**

This June 1953 document records Dr. Sidney Gottlieb's approval of an early CIA acid test. "This project will include a continuation of a study of the biochemical, neurophysiological, sociological, and clinical psychiatric aspects of L.S.D.," the CIA scientist writes.

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Boston

DRAFT - [redacted] A  
9 June 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Project MKULTRA, Subproject 8

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3. The estimated budget of the project at [redacted] is \$39,500.00. The [redacted] will serve as a cut-out and cover for this project and will furnish the above funds to the [redacted] as a philanthropic grant for medical research. A service charge of \$750.00 (2% of the estimated budget) is to be paid to the [redacted] for this service. B

4. Thus the total charges for this project will not exceed \$40,250.00 for a period ending September 11, 1954.

5. [redacted] (Director of the hospital) are cleared through TOP SECRET and are aware of the true purpose of the project. C

for [redacted] A  
Chemical Division/TSS

APPROVED:

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Chief, Chemical Division/TSS

PROGRAM

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APPROVED:

[signature of Sidney Gottlieb]  
Chief, Chemical Division/TSS

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